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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

NEW CELL HOUSE FOR PRISONERS OF CITY IS PLANNED

Patrol House May be Converted
For That Purpose
This Year.

Stables, Kitchen and Dining
Room in Rear.

PRESENT JAIL IS INADEQUATE.

City Jailor Clark in his annual report complains of the inadequate quarters for city prisoners in the cell house beneath the city hall, and since the place is necessarily not hygienic and there is a question about the right of the city to incarcerate prisoners in such a place before trial, members of the general council are considering some changes on the city property in the block between Kentucky avenue and Washington street and Fourth and Third streets, to make room for a new cell house, dining room and kitchen, and stable for the horses of the police and street departments.

The city hall occupies the corner at Fourth street and Kentucky avenue and the new Central fire station the east end of the property facing Kentucky avenue. The patrol house stands back from the street between the two. Behind all three runs an alley, and across the alley from the fire station and patrol house is an array of tumbledown frame sheds, belonging to the city, and a menace to the whole center of the city. The best plan seems to be to put a second story on the patrol house and convert it into a cell house, using the upstairs for women and the downstairs for men. Across the alley then could be built a brick stable and adjoining it a kitchen, which the city must provide for the jailer, and the jail dining room.

Favors Tent Colony.
Many city reports are coming in. The city physician reports that there were 88 small pox patients during the year. He attended 225 charity patients at the city hospital and made 1,460 charity visits. He joins the city health department in recommending the tuberculosis tent colony.

The city judge reports that he issued about 2,500 warrants, about 2,000 of which were served. About 200 of these cases were felonies, and about 7,000 or 8,000 were collected in fines. He asks for a stenographer and a new chair for the bench.

Burglars Kill Nurse.
Millsbrook, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Three burglars this morning choked a nurse girl to death at the home of Barnes Compton, a financier, and escaped with \$10,000 in silverware and jewelry.

Mills Tipped for C. B. & Q.
St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 13.—Though there is no official confirmation, it is the general opinion in railroad circles that Darius Mills will succeed George B. Harris as president of the C. B. & Q. Definite action is expected next week when J. J. Hills reaches Chicago.

WANTED—OWNER FOR HOUSE.
Seek to Identify Edifice Which
Floated Down River.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 13.—One four-room house, which was dragged out of the Ohio river here yesterday, may be had by its owner upon proper identification. The house came floating down the river yesterday amid great masses of yellow ice. The towboat Tom O'Neill rushed to the rescue, butting through the ice, hooking fast to the bobbing dwelling and safely mooring it at the bank. The house was empty, with not even a set of knife-carved initials to indicate who its owners may be or where it is from.

**FROSTBITTEN FINGERS
ARE SEVERELY BURNED.**

Before Hal Wright, colored, struck a match to light his pipe yesterday afternoon he had three fingers on the injured list, but after his smoke he made an inventory and four fingers were disabled. Wright was brought to the Illinois Central hospital from Fulton suffering with three frostbitten fingers. The digits were saturated with liniment and gauze and cotton wrapped around them. Yesterday afternoon he sauntered around the hospital and thought he would enjoy a smoke. He struck the match to light his pipe, when the fumes from the incense ignited the wrapping. Now his fingers are being treated for frostbite as well as burns, making a unique combination.

J. C. Speight, of Mayfield, Now Tipped for United States Marshal of Western District of Kentucky

Presidential Appointments
Are Interesting Politicians
From This Commonwealth
---Louisville Positions.

Washington, Jan. 13. (Special.)—A movement is now said to be on to make J. C. Speight, of Mayfield, marshal of the western district, succeeding George Long.

President Taft sent to the senate today nominations of Ludlow Petty and A. B. Patrick to be collector of Louisville and marshal of the eastern district of Kentucky respectively. They are Bradley men. The successor to Roberts is held up.

Washington, Jan. 13. — What congress did:

In the Senate.
Immigration commission report on occupations of immigrants presented.

Resolutions adopted deferring until 1911 or 1912 the international congress of states and inviting the governors of states and foreign nations to participate.

Senator Tillman presented a resolution for acceptance of the Calhoun statute.

The resolution for investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was sent back to the senate with notice of disagreement by the house.

Senator Beveridge spoke in support of the resolution to accept the statute of Gen. Lew Wallace.

In the House.
The joint resolution to investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy

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Married By County Judge.
Miss Bertie L. Cooper and Mr. W. E. Johnson, of Luka, were married this afternoon by County Judge Allen Barkley.

Baptist Mite Society.
The Ladies' Mite society of the First Baptist church will meet at the church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in conjunction with the Missionary society, which is holding its services at 2:30 o'clock each afternoon this week.

Tobacco Sales
Marked by spirited bidding that evidenced eagerness among the buyers, a large sale of loose leaf tobacco was held at Bohmer's warehouse this morning, when 27,000 pounds of choice crop were offered and sold. There were no rejections. The highest price brought was \$10.15 and the lowest \$4.60, averaging \$8.11. Farmers were well pleased.

No Weatherman Here
Poor old weatherman. His job at Paducah is but a memory and there is no telling what kind of weather we will be handed from now on unless the nearest weather prophet takes pity on us. Today Mr. Will Wright, cashier at the First National bank, who recently doffed the weatherman's garb, received a letter from S. J. Walz, chief weatherman for this district at Louisville, notifying him that a prophet here is no longer deemed necessary, and he is instructed to pack up all of the instruments and send them to Louisville.

Great Gorge Breaking.
Brandenburg, Ky., Jan. 13. (Special.)—It is expected that a gorge 50 miles long and 15 feet high will break today. Much damage is anticipated. It will carry all before it. Many boats are in danger.

Ice Gorge Miles Long and Fifteen Feet High

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—The ice dam in the Mississippi at Alton broke today and started down the river. It is feared it will crush many boats and play havoc with vessels in the St. Louis harbor. The river is rising a foot an hour. The ferryboat Madison was caught by the ice and sunk. Miles of ice are moving and great damage is feared.

A Comparison of the Circulation of The Sun for Two Years
December, 1907 average. 3819
December, 1908 average. 5126
December, 1909 average. 6806
This is the largest circulation west of Louisville.

SMEDLEY DOESN'T DESIRE TO QUIT HIS DRUG HABIT

Tells County Physician He
Would Rather Go to Pen-
itentiary.

Got His "Dope" Even While
in Asylum.

MAKES COMPLETE CONFESSION.

Instead of discontinuing the use of drugs, it has developed that Hiram Smedley, in jail as the result of numerous indictments, has acquired a keener appetite for the drug habit. He has confessed to Dr. L. E. Young, county physician, that he never quit the drug habit, not even while at the insane asylum at Hopkinsville, and declared that he had no intention of quitting. He is such a fiend for the drug that he proposed to dismiss his appeal in the appellate court and lose all hope of freedom rather than take treatment for the appetite.

It has been suspected for many weeks that Smedley had resumed the drug habit. Dr. Young declined to give him treatment for the habit because everybody was permitted to see him and the prisoner was not watched carefully enough to prevent the drug being smuggled to him. Since the change of administration at the county jail, Judge William Reed instructed County Jailor Henry Houser to keep the drug from him.

Last night Smedley was removed from the large cell in the front of the jail to the main corridor. He was permitted to take nothing from his old cell. A short time after being placed away from the cell in which the "dope" was concealed, Smedley realized what his condition would be without the drug. He called Dr. Young and confessed that he had not quit the drug.

Last night he used eight tablets at the rate of five tablets every four hours, which is an increase of one tablet in four hours. He said that while he was in the asylum the drug was smuggled to him by an attaché. When informed that Dr. Young was going to give him treatment for the habit, Smedley revolted and asked that it be delayed for a few days.

Rather than take the treatment for the habit, he said he would have his appeal dismissed in the appellate court and go to the penitentiary when the prisoners, convicted at the present term of court, are sent to Eddyville. Smedley said he would consult his attorneys and Dr. Young promised him he would not begin the treatment until tomorrow.

Dance Friday Night.
A dance in honor of visiting girls in the city will be given at the Three Links building on Friday evening. The dance will be given by the young men.

Magazine Club With Mrs. Fowler.
Mrs. Saunders A. Fowler is the hostess to the Magazine club this afternoon at her home, Edgewood, in the West End. The Magazine to be reported are: Harpers, by Mrs. George Langstaff, Jr., and Mrs. Vernon Blythe. Atlantic Monthly, by Mrs. Hal Corbett. Literary Digest, by Mrs. Victor Voris. Cosmopolitan by Mrs. Armour Gardner.

Value of a Name
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 13.—Will Wood, arrested for throwing a handful of beans in another man's face, gave a flimsy, and forgot the name he gave. As a consequence he was kept in jail two months after the grand jury ordered his release.

**DARK HORSE TALK IN
MISSISSIPPI CONTEST**

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 13.—Present indications are that a "dark horse" is the only hope of breaking the deadlock in the senatorial contest. Vardaman retains the lead, but has no hope of gaining enough votes to win. Threatening letters, demanding that legislators vote for Vardaman, only increased the bitterness of the opposition.

The Weather
Rain tonight and colder in western portion. Friday probably cloudy and colder with rain in the eastern portion.
Highest temperature today was 62 and the lowest 49.
Illinois: Washington, Jan. 13.—Southwest portions; Friday unsettled, probably snow in northeast.

Cities Organize at Frankfort to Promote Legislation They Need; First Bill Day in the Lower House

Anti-treating, Anti-dog Tax,
Anti-saloon Bills Found in
the Hopper; Also Two Cent
Fare Measure.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 13. (Special.)—Mayors and officials of Kentucky cities of the Second class met here and organized an association. James W. Campbell, Jr., of Paducah, was elected secretary.

To Inspect Prisons.
Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 13. (Special.)—Jack Chinn introduced a joint resolution in the house providing for the investigation of the conduct of prisons in the light of former Warden Chinn's charges. The resolution is being prepared for an inquiry into the conduct of insane asylums and other charitable institutions under the board of control. Special attention will be paid to Stanley Milward's part in the affairs. The bill was introduced by Combs, providing for a permanent tax commission.

In the senate the special committee reported as the result of investigation of charges made by Senator Combs, concerning changing of resolution Tuesday, that it was done accidentally by Eli Brown in copying and was not the fault of any senate employees. Senator Watkins introduced a bill, embodying the Kentucky Educational association's idea for the new educational law.

This is the first bill day in the house, with 100 bills. Representative Carter introduced one identical with that of Watkins in the senate.

Wagoner introduced another county unit bill like that of last year, and also one to divorce the grocery and saloon business.

Among the bills introduced was one to make treating in a saloon a felony; one by Southall, abolishing the board of control as at present constituted; a bill to repeal the dog tax; and bill, fixing two-cent rate for railroads.

A bill was introduced in the house providing that veterinarians examining dairy herds, be appointed by the county judges instead of the state board of health.

In the Senate.
The chairmanships of the important committees in the senate are as follows:
Banks, B. M. Arnett; State university, Claude M. Thomas; Kentucky statutes, Conn Linn; redistricting, J. J. Watkins; sinking fund, A. R. Burnam; rules, Conn Linn; public roads, J. F. Bosworth; railroads, Mark Ryan; insurance, Conn Linn; charitable institutions, E. E. Hogg; labor, R. L. Hubbell; corporations, H. D. Newcomb; courts, J. A. Donaldson; criminal law, N. C. Cureton; judiciary, J. J. Beard; interurban and electric lines, Gus Brown; appropriations, G. T. Pritchard; telephones, G. T. Wyatt; penitentiaries, E. M. Taylor; education, L. W. Arnett; state fair, H. D. Newcomb; religion and morals, Thomas A. Combs; mines, R. M. Salmon; revenue and taxation, L. W. Arnett.

The Rev. Father Major offered prayer when the session of the house began with Speaker Wilson in the chair.
Speaker Wilson announced the appointment of the following assistants in the house: To the doorkeeper, G. A. Hoggard, Moses R. Glenn, James Edwards and Lee Robinson; stenographers, Mrs. Dullin Moss and Miss Maud Applegate; clerk-stenographer, Charles Howes; bill clerk, Albie Melton; mail clerks, George Sutton and Herbert Lackey; messengers, John Newman, Dudson Ragsdale, Harvey Roberts and James Martin; porter, William Wilson.

Mr. Porter offered a resolution calling on the state auditor to furnish a complete list of pro tem. circuit judges appointed during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1908, and June 30, 1909, with the amounts paid out to each judicial district and the total in the state. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution by Mr. George Reid, prohibiting smoking in the house, was adopted.

Coming to Louisville.
Applause greeted the reading of a letter by Clerk Stone from President Buckner, of the Louisville board of trade, urging all the members to attend the banquet in that city Friday night. Extensive preparations have been made by the board of trade to entertain the legislators.

PLAYING FOR RISE.
Chicago, Jan. 13.—Investigators of coal scarcity learned that hundreds of cars of coal are standing in the railroad yards. Jobbers are paying demurrage at least \$2,500 a day, holding it for an expected rise in prices as the result of the famine.

VESSEL BREAKS IN TWO AND SINKS

ONLY ONE SURVIVOR OUT OF
CREW OF THIRTY—FLOAT-
ING BOTTLE FOUND.

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—Rushing through a heavy fog in response to a wireless appeal, the steamship Queen today stands near the wreck of the Southern Pacific steamer, Carina, which broke in two in North Spit Coos bay yesterday. Twenty-nine of the crew of thirty are believed to be drowned. Engineer Harry Kentzell is in a local hospital after being washed ashore unconscious. He will recover. Early today a body washed ashore, which leads the life savers to believe there is no hope of survivors. Kentzell says the boilers were torn from the foundations and the vessel's bottom was torn out by the pounding of the sea.

Engineer Kentzell, who is semi-delirious, declares there is a slight possibility that Captain Duggan and Harold Mills, son of the owner of the vessel, who were lashed to the rigging, may be rescued, though they probably are frozen to death.

Bottle Is Found.
New Orleans, Jan. 13.—A bottle containing a message, dated December 23, was found today. It says the Norwegian ship Farsund is drifting uncontrolled. The crew of nineteen is helpless and starving. The location is not given. The bottle was found on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

**RED MEN WILL INSTALL
OFFICERS FRIDAY NIGHT.**

The Red Men will install officers tomorrow night. Every lodge member attending is expected to take a pound of some digestible article and a full 16 ounces. A pound party will be enjoyed after the installation.

**HOME LAUNDRY HAS SMALL
BLAZE THIS MORNING.**

Clothes in the drier at the Home laundry on South Third street caught fire this morning at 6:30 o'clock, and damage to the extent of \$50 was done. It is not known how the clothes caught fire, but it is presumed that the heat from the drier started the blaze. Hoose company No. 1 and truck company No. 4 responded to the alarm and extinguished it with the chemical engine. Overalls were in the drier at the time of the fire.

PAULHAN NEARLY MEETS HIS DEATH

BROKE HIGH RECORD AND WON
SMALL FORTUNE FOR A
FRIEND.

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—It was learned that Paulhan had a narrow escape from death when making the record high flight yesterday. He descended so rapidly his engine failed to feed. He shut off the engine, and glided safely to the earth by starting the engine again just before he reached the ground. Paulhan's record was officially announced as 5,000 feet. Dick Ferris, promoter of the meet, won \$4,000 and a two-carat diamond from Vandermaelen, the South African diamond king, who wagered that Paulhan would not beat Latham's record.

Chicago Market.
May—High. Low. Open.
Wheat 1.14 1.13 1.13 1/2
Corn 70 69 70 1/2
Oats 49 48 49 1/2
Provisions 22.35 22.17 22.20
Lard 12.35 12.25 12.27
Ribs 11.75 11.65 11.65

FIRE LOSSES IN PADUCAH BELOW STATE AVERAGE

Many Insurance Companies
Resume Their Offices in
This City.

Report of Fire Chief is Pleas-
ing News.

WILL NOT LOWER THE RATES.

Fire losses in Paducah have decreased so in the last few years that some of the companies, who were burned out frequently and withdrew from writing business in the city, are again opening offices. The report of Fire Chief Wood for 1909 is the best made in many years, and will be the means of giving Paducah a good reputation with the fire insurance companies again. The decreased death rate will also place the city in favorable standing with the life insurance companies.

When speaking of the fire loss in the city, Mr. M. R. Smith, who is the insurance inspector for western Kentucky, said: "The showing made by Paducah for last year is creditable, and shows that the fire department is well equipped to handle the fires. The fire loss, which is shown to be \$43,950 by the report, is unusually small for Paducah, and will compare favorably with any city in the state. Owensboro is the next largest city in my district, and last year that city suffered a fire loss of several hundred thousand dollars."

In answer to a question concerning a possibility of a reduction in the fire insurance rate on account of the small loss, Mr. Smith thought it would not have any effect for the present. "The fire losses on the companies have been so heavy that I do not look for any decrease in the rate. The companies are only getting back what they have lost in previous years."

Mr. Smith has not received the report from other cities in the state regarding the fire losses, and for several weeks it cannot be told exactly what a good showing was made. As soon as possible the figures will be tabulated and sent over the state. At present there are about 90 insurance companies writing policies in the city. Recently some of the strongest companies have resumed the writing of policies, owing to the reduction of the fire losses. The premiums for the year 1908 amounted to \$142,000, and when last year's figures are collected an increase is expected to be shown.

Plenty of Coal Here.
All the coal dealers are well supplied with coal now, as the moderation in weather has made it possible for the railroads to haul the coal from the mines. Plenty of coal is en route to the local dealers, while the yards are filled sufficiently to care for the needs of the people.

Sack of Corn Stolen.
An unknown negro thief entered the stable back of the Jake Biederman Grocery company's store, Seventh and Washington streets, last night about 9 o'clock and made away with a sack of corn. Lem Wetherington, a suspect, was arrested at the home of "Goldtooth Annie," a short distance away, by Patrolmen Dunnaway and Garrett, but was dismissed, as there was no evidence to show that he was the guilty man.

Three of Crew Are Scalded.
Three men were injured when a locomotive stalled in a tunnel near West Point yesterday afternoon. The hissing steam caught the members of the crew who were peered in the tunnel, and could not crawl out for some time. Engineer L. D. Smith, Fireman W. V. Dolan and brakeman Ike Hansboro, colored, sustained burns on the face, neck and right hands. The members of the crew were taken to Louisville for treatment. The engine was pulling freight train No. 151, of the Illinois Central railroad, and had left Louisville for Paducah.

**INGLESIDE REBEKAHS
INSTALL NEW OFFICERS.**
Officers of the Ingleside lodge of Rebekahs No. 17, were installed last night at the lodge room in the Three Links building. A large audience was present at the ceremonies, when the new officers took charge. The officers installed are: Miss Kate Block, noble grand; Mrs. Clara Maxwell, vice grand; Mrs. May Block, warden; Miss Kettler, conductor; Mrs. Ida McKinney, right support to noble grand; Miss Lena Walker, left support to noble grand; Mrs. Lee right support to vice grand; Mrs. H. Force, left support to vice grand; Mrs. Lizzie Beckenbach, inside guard; John Block, outside guard; Carrie Schroder, chaplain; Lena Elfinger, treasurer, and Mattie Whitmer, secretary.